

COMMENT OF THE DAY

A New Test

THE one concrete development which has so far emerged from the Bermuda conference is agreement on the Big Three reply to the Soviet offer to join in Four-Power talks. This, of course, was a relatively easy decision to reach, merely requiring careful consideration of the precise phraseology of the note. Wilyly the Big Three leaders have decided to inject no pre-conditions, the assumption, if not the hope, being that Russia is prepared to meet the Allies' off-expressed desire to tackle urgent European questions which may, in turn, lead to exploring wider international problems. It would be foolish, however, to anticipate spectacularly rapid agreement on any points likely to be raised at the proposed Berlin conference. Russia has already very broadly hinted that she will try to make an issue out of the formation of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and the European Defence Community—the latter being especially obnoxious to the Kremlin. The early stages of the Big Four conference are almost certain to be featured by a Soviet display of polemics, and the talks may even break down before they can really get started. Any attempt by the Soviets to have China brought into the discussions relating to Europe will be implacably resisted by the Western allies; so too will any endeavour to have NATO and EDC placed on the agenda for debate. But while the prospects for a successful Four-Power conference cannot be considered notably bright, the occasion will offer itself as yet another test of Russian sincerity, both in motives and intentions. It has been the United States argument that Russia is unwilling to give any positive signs of wanting to ease her international relations with the Western world, and it must be admitted that her offer to take part in Four-Power talks cannot, at this time, be rated higher than a gesture. But if the conference materialises, Russia will then be placed in a position where she either has to give substance to the gesture, or confirm American suspicions of her integrity. She is no longer able to pull wool over the eyes of the rest of the world.

BIG THREE PARLEYS

NEARING END

Reported Indo-China Mission Project

KOREA: FRANCE, BRITAIN SEEK ASSURANCES

Bermuda, Dec. 7.
The Big Three neared the end of their first postwar meeting tonight with the United States reported ready to send a military mission to Indo-China to help train the Vietnamese Army fighting the Communists.

Official reports on the last-minute series of top-level meetings among President Eisenhower, Premier Joseph Laniel of France and Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Britain were not expected until the end of the final session, starting at 10 p.m. (10 a.m., Tues. HKT).

But authoritative sources told of Franco-American negotiations on Indo-China and of a United States offer for the "integration of atomic weapons into the North Atlantic alliance" as a means of bolstering European defences.

However, it was understood most of the final day of the four-day conference was devoted to Far Eastern problems, including the establishment of an ironclad Korean peace. This was discussed in a two-hour 20-minute mid-day meeting.

The Big Three, with the Foreign Ministers present, met from 5 p.m. to 8.40 p.m. tonight and then recessed for dinner. The final session was scheduled for 10 p.m.—United Press.

REQUEST TO US

Bermuda, Dec. 7.
The British Prime Minister, Sir Winston Churchill, supported by the French Foreign Minister, Mr. Georges Bidault, today asked President Eisenhower to keep America's allies in the United Nations Command in Korea informed in advance of any new plans in the event of a breakdown in the Korean political conference. It was revealed here after the Big Three this morning had dealt with Far Eastern problems at a two-hour meeting.

The Prime Minister's request was understood to have followed a denunciation by President Eisenhower of what he described as the dilatory tactics of the Communists at the current Panmunjom talks. Sir Winston immediately asked the President to keep Britain, France and the other allies in Korea informed of any new developments and of new plans in order to avoid any spectacular moves over the Korean situation.

A British proposal for free all-Korean elections was handed over to experts to study, it was revealed. Commercial relations with Communist China also played a part in this morning's Far Eastern talks and this question

was also handed over to experts to study.

At this morning's meeting, Far Eastern experts of the British, American and French governments were present for consultations. Representing the Foreign Office was Mr. W. D. Allen. Mr. Walter Robertson, American Assistant Secretary of State and Far Eastern expert, accompanied the President. France was represented by the Director of Far Eastern Affairs at the French Foreign Ministry, M. Jacques Roux.

GENERAL SITUATION

The meeting of the Big Three was confined to a study of the general situation in the Far East, with a more detailed examination of particular questions left for discussion by experts and by the foreign ministers of the three powers, well-informed sources said.

Taking the initiative at the talks, the British Prime Minister was reported to have urged that the policy of lessening international tension, which he favoured in Europe, should be applied in the Far East, especially in connection with Western policy towards Communist China.

President Eisenhower, however, was reported to have urged that it was not possible for America to soften its attitude towards the Peking government before the results of the projected Korean political conference were known.

The Indo-China situation, it was stated, was only briefly mentioned by M. Bidault and was due to be discussed by experts in the afternoon.

The American spokesman, Mr. James Hagerty, after the conference this morning, revealed that the vast question of the general discussion of the Big Three during their two-hour meeting but that this problem had also been brought up in parallel talks all through the conference—at lunches, dinners and other functions where conversations could be held in an informal atmosphere.

EDC TALKS END
The British spokesman, Mr. d'Arcy Edmondson, said that the talks on the European Defence Community had been concluded and had not been brought up at this morning's conference.

Mr. Edmondson added that the comments of the West German Chancellor, Dr. Konrad Adenauer, on the text of the Western reply to the Soviet note on a four-power conference in Berlin had not yet reached Bermuda but that the three delegations were hoping to receive a communication from Dr. Adenauer today.

The British spokesman said he could not give an indication when the final communiqué on the Bermuda conference would be published.

This afternoon, the three Western leaders were discussing Middle East questions and the talks were expected to continue until the evening.

President Eisenhower, who was working on his scheduled speech on atomic matters to be delivered before the United Nations General Assembly, will

leave Bermuda by air tomorrow between 4 p.m. and 4.30 p.m., GMT direct for La Guardia airport in New York.

After addressing the General Assembly, the President will be the guest of the UN Secretary-General, Mr. Dag Hammarskjöld, at a reception before flying back to Washington the same evening.—France-Press.

AGAINST TIME

London, Dec. 7.
The Big Three were talking against time tonight in an all-out drive to end their Bermuda discussion of world problems without having to call another meeting tomorrow.

The first concrete result of the conference is a note to be despatched to Moscow tomorrow which, it is understood, accepts Russia's proposal for a four-power talks in Berlin.

Bonn reports tonight said the note, approved "without reservation" by Dr. Konrad Adenauer, the West German Chancellor, will suggest the first week in January for the Big Three Foreign Ministers' meeting with Mr. Vyacheslav Molotov.

Sources in the West German capital, to which the draft text was sent from Bermuda as a matter of routine, said the note is a short, one-paragraph document—and suggests that the Big Four talks should deal with European security, including that of Germany.

It upholds the European Defence Community and rejects Russian charges that the EDC is a "German military contribution" is anything but offensive, the Bonn sources said.

They added that the meeting would probably be held in the Allied Control Council Building in the American zone of Berlin.

A source close to Dr. Adenauer's Cabinet called it a "good note".

In Paris tonight there was relief at the Western decision to meet Russia, and the Bermuda talks were described as "Churchill's conference" because of the British Prime Minister's eagerness for a Big Four get together. At Bermuda talks headquarters, the only French reservation, it was learned, was a preference for a date after January 17 for the conference with Russia.

But French statements were said not to be "particularly hostile" to a meeting earlier next month.—Reuters.

Subjects Taboo

New York, Dec. 7.
Britain today declined to discuss Central Asian Federation, the anti-Mao Mau campaign in Kenya and the deposition of the Kabaka of Buganda.

These matters were raised by India in the 60-nation Trusteeship Committee of the United Nations General Assembly.

The British delegate, Mr. W. A. Mackintosh, told the Committee that these matters were outside its work. No further discussion took place and the Committee completed its work for the present session.—Reuters.

Iron Curtain Escapees



Two Albanian brothers, Thanassis Lazar Nicola and Christakis Lazar Nicola, working aboard the small motor ship *Dinamo* in which they were to take supplies to coastguards near Avlona, Albania, were also 68-year-old Captain Vassili Kotel and two young Albanian soldiers. The brothers helped the Captain and the soldiers and set sail for Greece. They arrived next morning at the island of Corfu.—London Express.

BIG FOUR MEETING, JANUARY 4

Washington, Dec. 7.
The Western "Big Three" will propose to Russia that the four-Power Foreign Ministers meeting in Berlin should be on January 4, diplomatic sources here reported today.

President Eisenhower is said to have agreed on this date with Sir Winston Churchill and M. Joseph Laniel at Bermuda.

Before the Bermuda conference began, Western diplomats thought the "Big Four" talks might be in late January—mainly because of the French political situation, with the inauguration of a new President on January 17.

The proposal of January 4 reflected American determination to get the Foreign Ministers' meeting over as quickly as possible to allow France to approve membership in the proposed six-nation European army immediately thereafter, the sources here said.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, is reported to be determined not to prolong the Berlin conference indefinitely if the Russians should convert it into a forum for new propaganda moves against the West.—Reuters.

BIDAULT'S PLEA

Bermuda, Dec. 7.
A usually reliable French source said President Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill were today considering a French plan to support a move to obtain an extension of the Atlantic Pact to 50 years from its present life of 20 years.

M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, made the request yesterday during the Big Three's talks on the European Defence Community.

Mr. Bidault said the extension of NATO, which now has 16 years to run before members are entitled to opt out would help French ratification of the EDC treaty, which is for a 50-year term.

Mr. Eisenhower was non-committal yesterday. Both he and Sir Winston Churchill stressed the importance of obtaining a European army and did not suggest alternative ways of returning the West Germans, a source said.

Mr. Bidault stressed the importance of keeping Britain and American troops in Europe and said the 12 German divisions planned under EDC should not be regarded as taking the place of the Anglo-American forces.—Reuters.

Conspiracy Charge Against GI

Berlin, Dec. 7.
An American soldier, Robert Blovens, will go on trial on Wednesday before the American Court in West Berlin on charges of conspiring with an East German organisation whose purpose is the overthrow by force of the United States Government, it was learned tonight.

He is also charged with having conspired with a German woman, Ingrid Jontz, to incite American soldiers to desert. Blovens is reported to have deserted this unit, stationed in Berlin, in April this year. He gave himself up later in the same month and was imprisoned pending trial for desertion, but he managed to escape on May 10.

He was re-arrested on August 20. An American Army court-martial said a psychiatric examination showed Blovens had full possession of his faculties.—France-Press.

Dean's New Offer

Panmunjom, Dec. 8.
The United States special envoy, Mr. Arthur Dean, today offered the Communists a draft agreement for arranging a Korea conference and said he was authorised to sign it.

Mr. Dean's offer came after his visit to Seoul yesterday and a conference with Dr. Syngman Rhee and the United States Ambassador to Korea, Mr. Ellis O. Briggs.

The offer was made as the question of prisoners refusing repatriation appeared to be becoming a new difficulty in the way of the preliminary talks here. The issue had looked like becoming an obstacle to an agreement as important as the existing difficulty of deciding the status of the Soviet Union should assume at any Korea conference.—Reuters.

Inside Story Of Eisenhower's UN Speech

From RENE MacCOLL

Bermuda, Dec. 7.
The inside story of the big speech—"The perils of the atom age in which we live"—which Mr Eisenhower is to deliver to the world from the United Nations headquarters in New York tomorrow is a story of the only real disagreement between Mr Eisenhower and Sir Winston Churchill.

When Sir Winston came to Bermuda he had no idea that such a gesture was in the minds of the President and his advisers.

When Mr Eisenhower showed Sir Winston the first draft of the speech he was "greatly upset". Thereafter, Churchill, with all the eloquence at his command, tried to persuade Eisenhower to forget the whole thing. Sir Winston took the line that the speech as first drafted would "profoundly shock the world," and he pointed out that since NATO forces in Europe are now in the process of being equipped with atomic artillery and other forms of atom weapons, the bluntness of Mr Eisenhower's speech might easily be construed as a threat.

But despite the vigour of Sir Winston Churchill's pleas, Mr Eisenhower remained quite "sold" on the idea of the speech.

War On Secret Societies

Kuala Lumpur, Dec. 8.
Malayan police, in a move to smash a nationwide network of outlaw secret societies, have arrested 80 key leaders throughout the cities of the Federation, it was learned today.

Police officials estimate that some 10,000 persons are members of secret societies in Malaya. The outlaw societies are engaged in all forms of crime, especially extortion and protection rackets, police officers said.

A special new branch of the Malayan CID was created recently to deal with the secret society menace and police have entitled the present crackdown "Operation Thug".

Arrests have been confined mainly to Kuala Lumpur, Telok On, Klang, Ipoh and Penang.—United Press.

SURPRISE FOR MAGISTRATE

Whakatane, New Zealand, Dec. 7.
Two Whakatane magistrates adjourned the case of a drunken driver to see if they could start a car with a horseshoe nail. To their amazement, they could. But they still returned to court and fined (Eros Leon Heller of Hamilton, £10 and costs for driving under the influence of drink.

Police had given as a proof of his condition that he had tried to start his car with a horseshoe nail.—China Mail Special.



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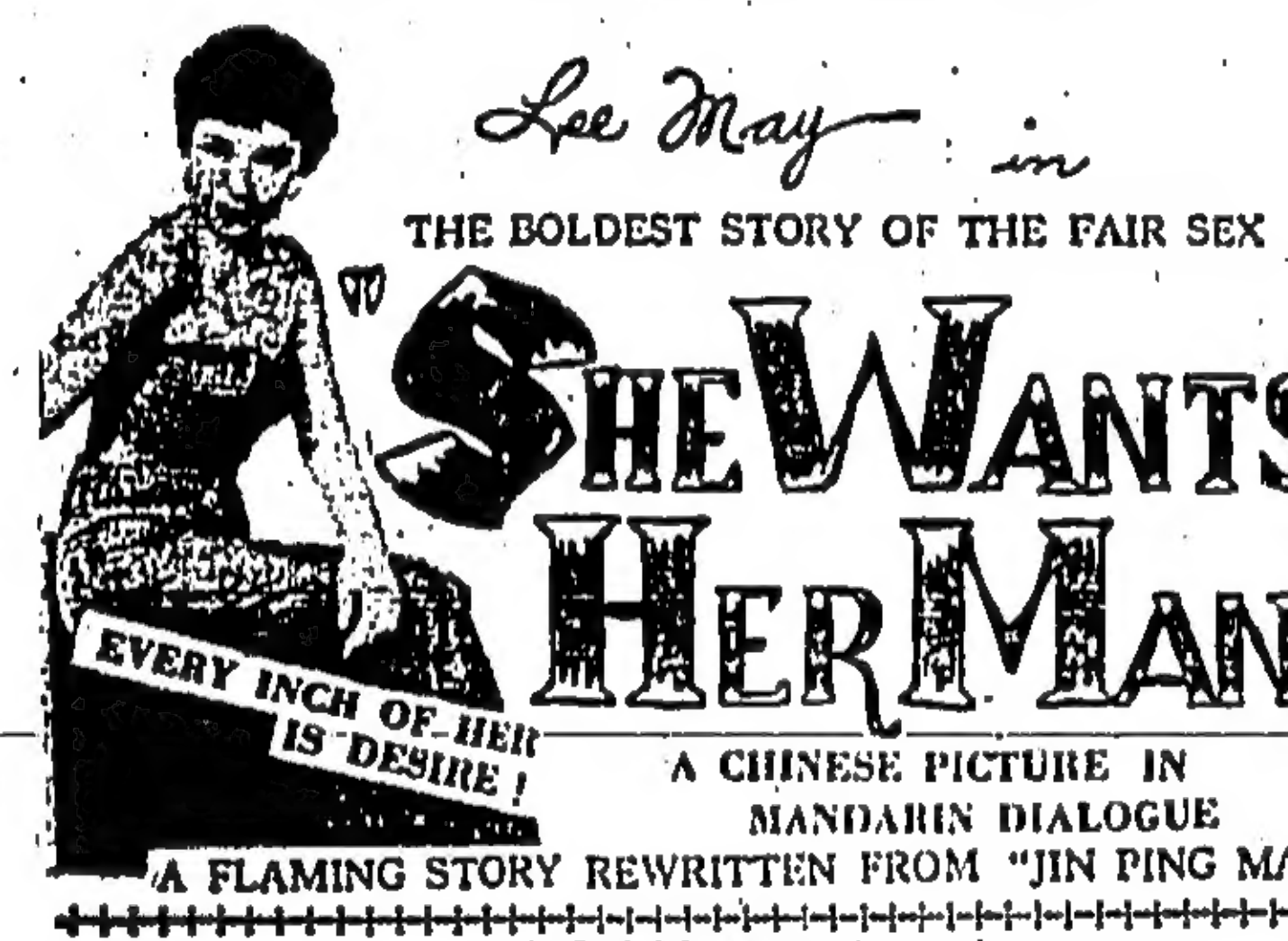
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Castle Harbour, Bermuda, Dec. 7.

The French Premier, M. Joseph Laniel, taken ill during the early stages of the Big Three conference here, will not be able to leave before Friday, according to well-informed sources today.

DISTRIBUTION OF BIBLE BANNED BY COURT

Trenton, N.J., Dec. 7.

The New Jersey Supreme Court ruled unanimously today that the King James version of the Bible could not be distributed in public schools.

The Court issued a permanent injunction in favour of a Jewish parent against the Gideons Society, an international bible distributor agency, blocking the use of Bibles in New Jersey public schools to give out the bibles free to students.

In a decision written by Chief Justice Arthur T. Vanderbilt, the Court said such a move would violate constitutional provisions of separation of Church and State.

The ruling put aside a lower court verdict allowing the programme.

"The distribution of the King James version in the public schools of the State," the opinion said, "would cast aside all progress made in the United States and throughout New Jersey in the field of religious toleration and freedom."

"We would be renewing the ancient struggles among the various religious faiths to the detriment of all. This we must decline to do."

The Rutherford Board of Education had approved the Gideons' plan whereby each student who received written permission from his parents would be given a copy of the King James version of the New Testament and two books of the Old Testament, psalms and proverbs.

Before the plan could be put into effect, Bernard Tudor, a Jewish parent, and Alph Le Ceque, a Catholic parent, obtained a temporary injunction from the Superior Court.

Le Ceque later withdrew from the case when he transferred his child from a public to a parochial school.—United Press.

ANZUS Meeting

Melbourne, Dec. 7.

United States, Australian and New Zealand naval chiefs will meet this week at Pearl Harbour, Hawaii, to discuss defence problems, according to the Sun News Pictorial here today.

Australia will be represented by Vice Admiral Sir John Collins, America by Admiral Felix Stump and New Zealand by Commodore Sir Charles Madden.

The Sun quoted the Australian Navy Minister, Mr William McMahon, as saying the discussions would be a continuation of those held at Pearl Harbour in 1951.—Reuter.

Vietnam Premier Flies To Meet Emperor Bao Dai

Saigon, Dec. 7.

The Vietnamese Premier, Nguyen Van Tam, flew today to Emperor Bao Dai's mountain retreat at Ban Met Huot for urgent consultations on recent Communist peace-feelers as the military disclosed new Red attacks in Indo-China.

Nguyen, who returned here yesterday after attending the session of the French Union High Council session in Paris, was expected to discuss with Bao Dai the divided internal situation resulting from recent demands by North Vietnam nationalists for a greater part in the government. Political circles here said that both Bao Dai and Nguyen were worried about the nationalist attitude and the weakened front the country presented in the face of possible peace talks with the Communists.

These sources said that it was likely that Nguyen, who received a tumultuous welcome yesterday at the airport, would be invited by the Emperor to shift ministerial posts and bring more northern nationalists into a unified front Government.

Nguyen was understood to have received guarantees from France during his recent visit promising that Vietnam would not be abandoned during possible peace talks with Ho Chi-minh, despite the strong French desire to achieve peace in Indo-China.

Both the independent-minded Emperor and his pro-French Premier were reported to be in complete agreement on the need for peace talks, which would be acceptable to Vietnam as well as France.

Elsewhere in Indo-China, the Cambodian Foreign Minister, Hak Mong-Eheng, arrived this morning at the capital, Phnom Penh, after attending the Paris session of the French Union High Council. He is scheduled to report later today before an extraordinary meeting of the Cabinet.

In Paris, Hak announced Cambodia's withdrawal from the Economic and Monetary Union formed by the Associated States of Indo-China and France.

He was reported to have taken the action on his own initiative.—United Press.

Scottish Isle For Sale

John O'Grady, Dec. 7.
The 150-acre Isle of Papa Stronsay, at the northeast corner of the Orkney Islands, the northernmost tip of Britain, is up for sale.

The tiny island, which has a lighthouse at its northern end, has a population of only 15—the lighthouse men and the former owner and his family.

It was once the site of a monastery—hence the prefix "Papa."

A few weeks ago, another Orkney Island, Graenay, was sold to a retired dealer from Warwickshire.—China Mail Special.

Bartley Crum's Son Takes Own Life

Portland, Oregon, Dec. 7.

Mr Bartley Crum, internationally known attorney, said today that he could not understand why his son, Bartley Jr., took his own life at Reed College here.

The elder Crum told newsmen in San Francisco that Bartley Jr. was in the best of health and spirits when he saw him. "I can't understand this," he said.

The body of the 18-year-old college boy was found yesterday by his classmate in his second floor room. He had been shot through the head by a .22 calibre rifle.

The Coroner's Office said that young Crum apparently took his own life.

A friend of the youth said that he had been "nervous and lonely" the past few days.

However, there were no notes indicating why he had taken his life.

Young Crum had been majoring in physics, his father said, and had attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology before enrolling at Reed.

—United Press.

CANADIAN COD

United Nations, Dec. 7.

The Canadian Government announced today a contribution of 1,000 tons of Canadian salted cod valued at \$300,000 to the United Nations Emergency Relief Programme in Korea.

The cod will be shipped to Korea from Halifax before the end of the year.

The relief programme is in addition to the long-range Korean reconstruction programme to which Canada has paid \$7,250,000.—United Press.

Sterling Purchase

Washington, Dec. 7.

The International Monetary Fund announced today that the Government of Japan had purchased from the Fund pounds sterling to the equivalent of \$512,000,000.

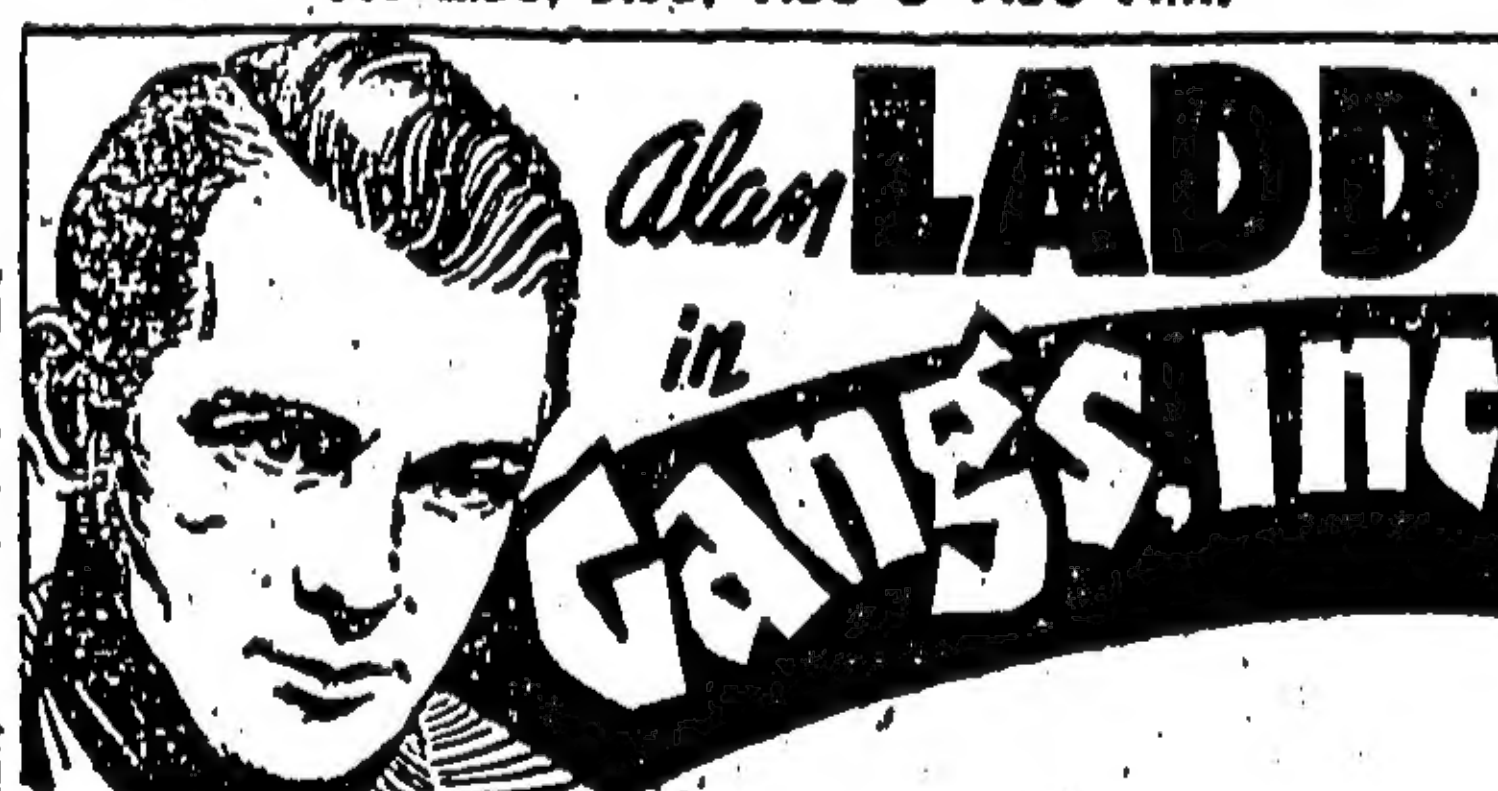
In August and September of this year Japan purchased \$10,000,000 from the Fund.—United Press.

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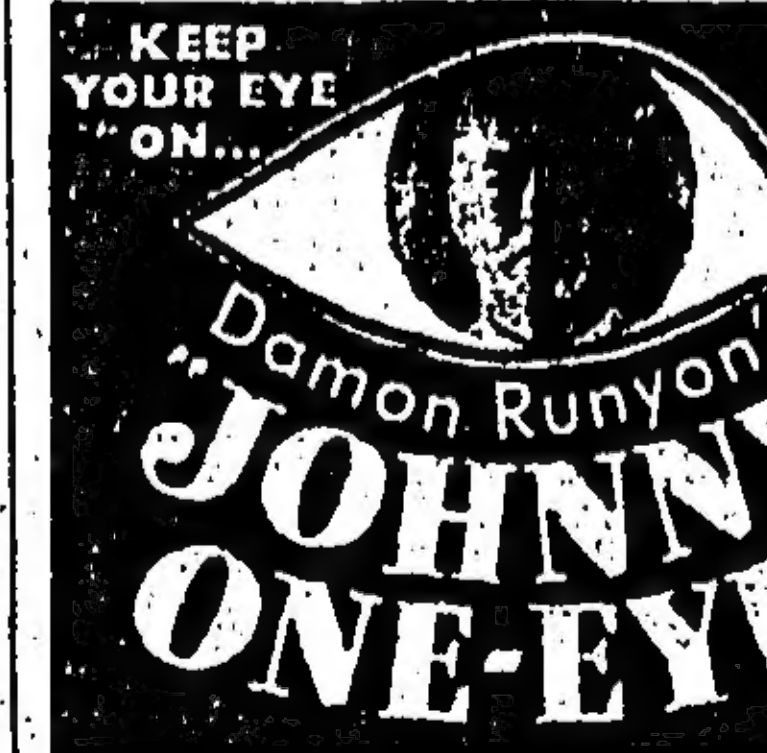
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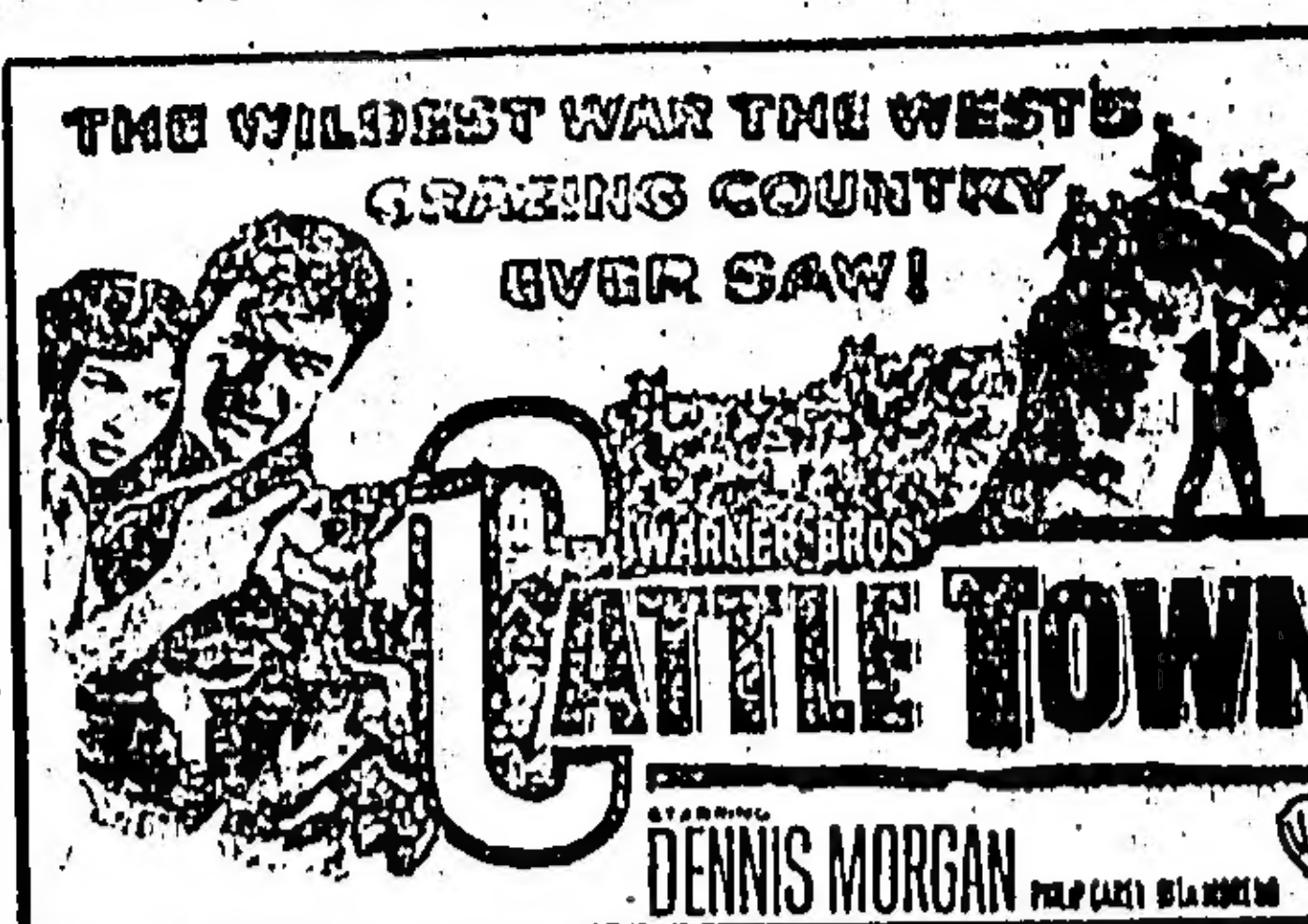
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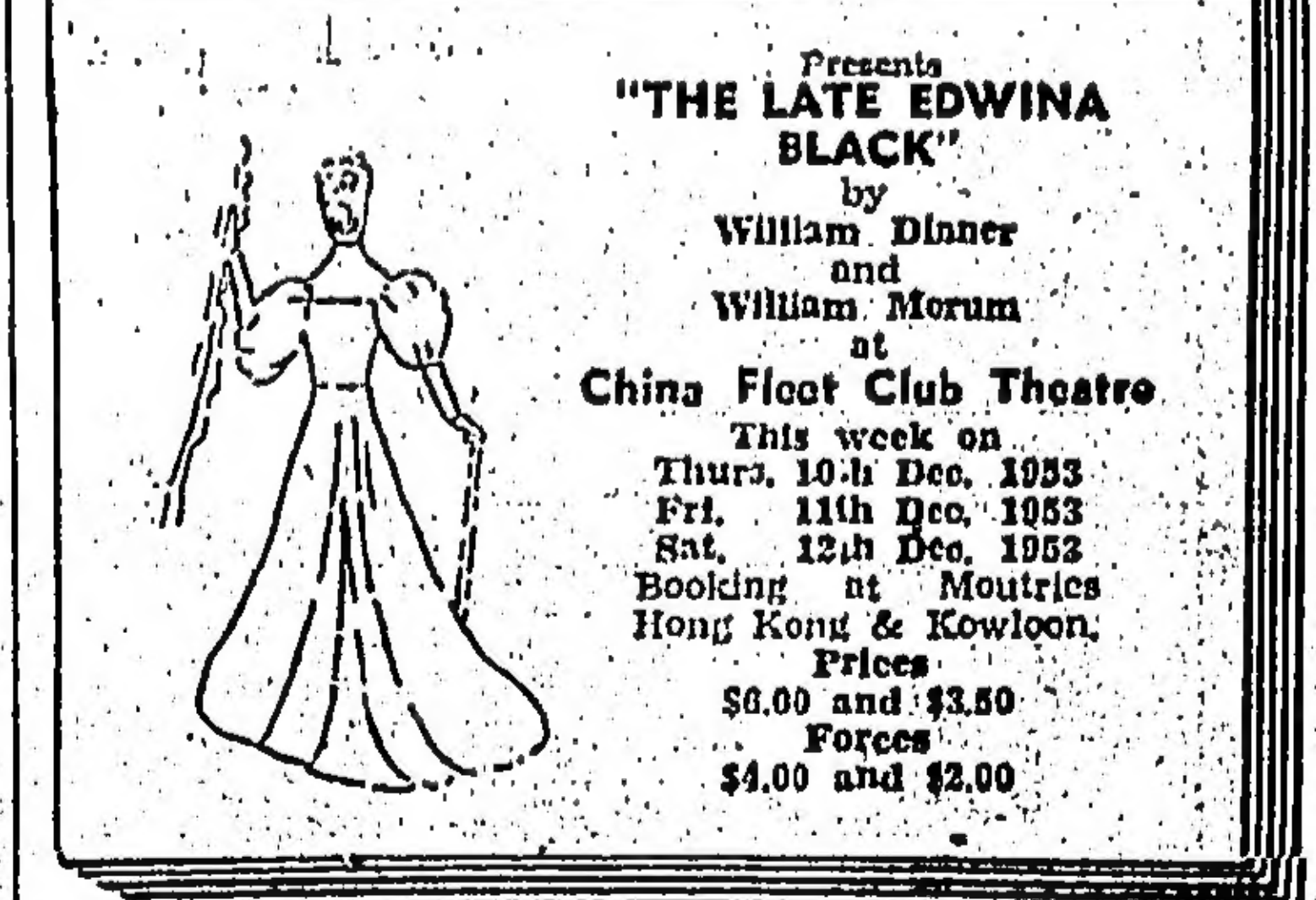
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LYTTLETON AND DEPOSED CHIEF

London, Dec. 7. The deposed Kabaka of Buganda, King Mutesa the Second, today had a half-hour talk with the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, at the Colonial Office.

Afterwards the Kabaka issued a statement announcing that a delegation from Buganda would be leaving shortly for London.

—France-Press.

"DANCING" MAJOR'S CHILD

Cairo Dec. 7. British military authorities said today after an army doctor had examined the polo-stricken two-year-old son of Major Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, that "the child has now passed."

Major Salem, a strong critic of Britain, especially on the Suez Canal zone, first sought the advice of a British Army expert when the disease was reaching a crisis. He also accepted the services of two British army nurses.

Major Salem said today in an article in a newspaper that Lieutenant Colonel Gamil Abdel Nasser, Egyptian Vice Premier and chief negotiator with the British in the informal talks on the future of the Suez Canal zone, had told Britain "the Egyptians harbour no enmity for Russia."

They had never seen a Russian soldier occupying their land, while every Egyptian hated the British.

The British had been told that if they wanted a base in the Suez Canal zone "this base must be Egyptian, serving Egypt and the Arab Collective Security Pact."—Reuter.

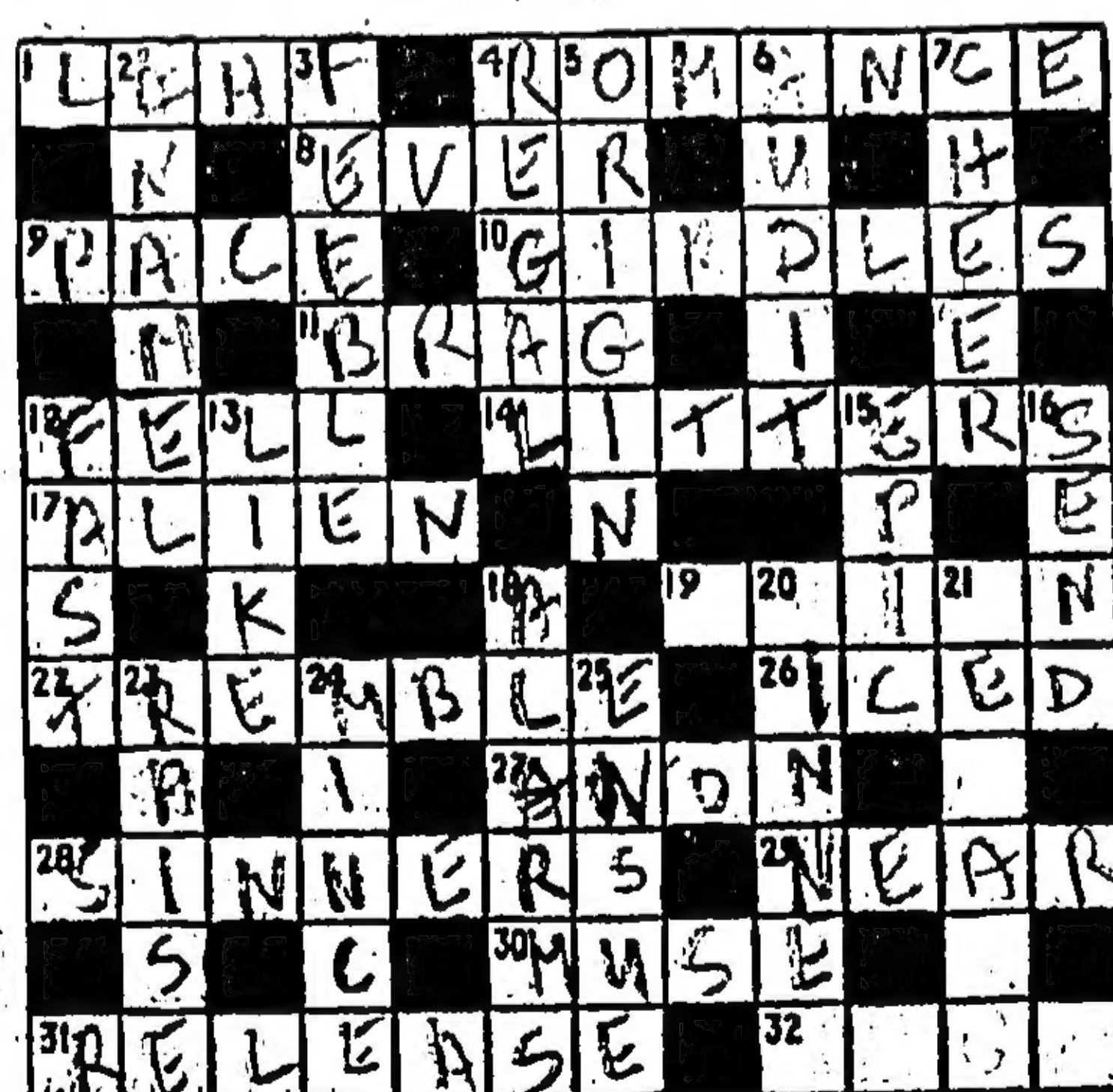
Corrective Labour

New York, Dec. 7. The United Nations General Assembly today approved a recommendation by the Social Committee urging the "abolition of all systems of forced or corrective labour."

The vote, in a plenary session of the Assembly, was 40 in favour, five against (Soviet group), with 12 abstentions. The resolution was sponsored in part by Britain, the United States and Australia. It was approved by the Assembly's Social Committee on November 27.

The resolution also invited the Economic and Social Council to consider "as a matter of urgency" the report of the Special Committee on Forced Labour and to report back to the General Assembly next year.—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS
- Drudge (4).
 - Love affair (7).
 - Always (4).
 - Step (4).
 - Bells (7).
 - Boast (4).
 - Tumbled (4).
 - Broods (7).
 - Foreign (5).
 - Deeds (5).
 - Quilt (7).
 - Frozen (4).
 - Before long (4).
 - Wrong-doers (7).
 - Close to (4).
 - Meditate (4).
 - Liberal (7).
 - Pulls along (4).

- DOWN
- Hard coating (5).
 - Weak (5).
 - Royal (5).
 - Source (5).
 - Financial check (5).
 - Applaud with shouts (5).
 - Swift (4).
 - Similar (4).
 - Tale of heroism (4).
 - Despatch (4).
 - Scars (5).
 - Bird (5).
 - Bauble (5).
 - Elevate (5).
 - Cut line (5).
 - Follow (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD: Across: 1 Spread, 5 Censor, 6 Rival, 8 Slight, 10 Piles, 11 Magic, 12 Eggs, 13 Tills, 16 Sedate, 17 Dashed, 20 Scene, 22 Pomp, 23 Gallop, 26 Tenor, 28 Savago, 29 Roter, 30 Broad, 31 Sowers, Down: 1 Suspect, 2 Renegade, 3 Arson, 4 Dilator, 5 Capital, 6 Elitist, 7 Shout, 14 Lamentable, 15 Suppress, 16 Smear, 17 Depose, 18 Angor, 21 Clear, 24 Facer.

NATO MILITARY GOAL Nearly Achieved For First Time

Paris, Dec. 7.

Military informants reported today that for the first time the North Atlantic Alliance came close to achieving its military goals this year.

Senior military representatives of the United States, Britain and France opened discussions preliminary to a full meeting of the 14-nation North Atlantic Treaty Organisation starting next Monday.

Meeting here as the NATO Military "Standing Group" were General J. Lawton Collins of the United States, General John Harding of Britain, and General Paul Elz of France.

They will be joined by Admiral E.D.C. Quistgaard of Denmark, Chairman of the full 14-nation Military Committee, which starts its sessions on Wednesday.

Figures made available to the Standing Group showed that the Alliance came very close to its goals this year, according to NATO sources, although there was a slight shortage in aircraft.

Goals set at a NATO meeting last April were for a maximum 10-division boost for 1953-54 active and up to six reserve

divisions—to add to the 50 combat and ready-reserve divisions at the beginning of the year.

There are an additional five divisions in Greece and Turkey. The target for air power was slightly more than 5,000 planes, up 1,000 for the year.

Great effort went into modernising existing air units and increasing their fighting power by re-equipment with jets. In addition, 124 NATO air bases are ready to have been authorized, including three in West Germany.

SET IN ADVANCE

The authorities said that this is the first year that the NATO has substantially met the goals set in advance.

Fixing next year's goals, plus provisional targets for 1955, will be the main task at the top level conference next week. Foreign, finance and defence ministers will attend.

Ready for the ministers will be the NATO "annual review," a 500-page study reconciling each nation's defence needs with its economic capabilities.

Advance reports said that the review shows the period of rapid expansion will end next year as the alliance settles down for the long haul in the face of uncertainties in Soviet policies.

The emphasis then will shift to the maintenance of existing gains, consolidation of reserve units, and building up combat effectiveness.—United Press.

Propellers Confiscated

London, Dec. 7. The pilot of a Belgian Gloire twin-engine aircraft was standing helplessly by his plane today, unable to continue his journey to Leopoldville because the French police had confiscated the propellers.

The plane left Brussels this morning and had landed at the airport near here to refuel. The Belgian police had previously contacted the French local authorities and warned them that the aircraft propellers were believed to have been stolen.

The pilot, employed by the aircraft's owner who lives in Brussels, was thunderstruck when the police marched out and ordered the propellers impounded. They are alleged to have been stolen by the aircraft's owner who hoped thus to recover sums owed him by a rival air transport firm.—France-Press.

Anglo-Libyan Treaty

London, Dec. 7. The Foreign Office stated today that the current Anglo-Libyan friendship treaty formed a basis for continuing and fruitful collaboration between the two countries and contributed to the maintenance of peace and security in North Africa.

"The treaty and agreements are an earnest of the close friendship already existing between this country and Libya," the Foreign Office statement said.—Reuter.

Missing Prisoners Resolution Meets With Approval

New York, Dec. 7.

A resolution expressing "grave and continuing concern at evidence" that more than 300,000 German, Japanese and Italian missing prisoners of the second World War were still being held in Soviet group nations and People's China was given final approval by the United Nations General Assembly today.

The vote was 46 in favour, five against (Soviet group) with six abstentions.

The resolution was sponsored by Australia, Brazil, Britain, Thailand and the United States. It was approved by the Assembly's Social Committee last Thursday after hearing from representatives of West Germany, Japan and Italy, sitting in a committee of the United Nations for the first time.

Germany claimed that nearly 103,000 German soldiers and 133,000 civilians were still detained in the Soviet Union; and estimated that 69,000 soldiers who fought on the Russian front remained unaccounted for. Japan stated 14,800 prisoners were in Soviet territory and more than 42,000 in Communist China.

Before the voting Mr. S. K. Teasdale of the Soviet Union, told the Assembly that the repatriation of prisoners of war from the Soviet Union was completed ages ago, except for a few war criminals who are working out their sentence.

He charged that the sponsors of the resolution were using the prisoner issue "to divert United Nations from the more pressing problems of peace."

The Charles Mayo, of the United States, urging adoption of the proposal, said the resolution consists merely of some ink on a piece of paper.

"Yet it reflects the last hope of thousands upon thousands of families in Germany, Italy, Japan and other countries," said Dr. Mayo.

FAMILIES

"These families desire to know whether their missing relatives are alive or dead. These families desire, and are entitled to desire, that all living prisoners be returned to their homes or be otherwise 'accounted for.'"

"In conclusion may I note that the new regime in the Soviet Union now has an opportunity to carry out the agreements which it entered into but never honoured."

"That new administration, and its representatives here, speak often of its desire to alleviate world tension and contribute to peace."

"Here is an unparalleled opportunity for alleviating world tension as well as for alleviating the sufferings of many thousands of prisoners and of their families. It earnestly hopes that the Soviet government will seize that opportunity."

There was no general debate on the prisoner issue. Only the United States and the Soviet Union addressed the Assembly on explanations of votes.—Reuter.

Pole-Sitter Nearly Loses His Perch

Vaejo, Cal., Dec. 1. Billie Ray, a 10-year-old flag-pole sitter, is sure some people have no appreciation of his art.

Ray said four boys wielding an axe cut about one-third of the way through the bottom of his 50-foot perch yesterday before giving up.—United Press.

Persian Oil Situation

Hoover Will End Talks Shortly

London, Dec. 7. Mr. Herbert Hoover, Jr., United States Government's oil consultant, is expected to end this week his fortnight-old talks on the Anglo-Persian oil dispute at the Foreign Office here.

An authoritative source said that no definite date had yet been fixed for Mr. Hoover's departure. He might stay in Tehran or return to Washington from where he came on November 27.

During the past two months Mr. Hoover has discussed in London and Tehran several possibilities for solving the oil problem but he has not put forward any definite plan. Nor has any plan been agreed between Britain and the United States about the form of a settlement, diplomatic quarters here said.

This is Mr. Hoover's second visit to London in connection with the oil question.

Now that Anglo-Persian diplomatic relations have been resumed after a break of 13 months, the first move will be for the two countries to get into touch with each other directly on the oil question.

Diplomatic quarters here, however, warn that because relations have been resumed between London and Tehran, it does not mean that the 30-month-old oil problem is as good as settled.

"They expect the negotiations on the oil dispute to be difficult and lengthy and think it wise at this stage to speculate on the various possible settlements that could be reached in the oil wrangle.—Reuter.

Death For "Agents"

London, Dec. 7. A Polish military court at Szczecin (Stettin) today sentenced to death Heinz Lanevoigt and Konrad Wruck, two of three men accused of being Western agents sent to Poland "to prepare the way for parachutists." Warsaw Radio reported.

Adolf Machura, the third accused, was sentenced to life imprisonment.

All three pleaded guilty.

The prosecution said the spy ring was uncovered when Lanevoigt, a German, was caught carrying arms at the frontier.

Machura told the court last week that the West German government, backed by the Americans, had told him to get sketch maps of the Polish coast as seen from the sea.

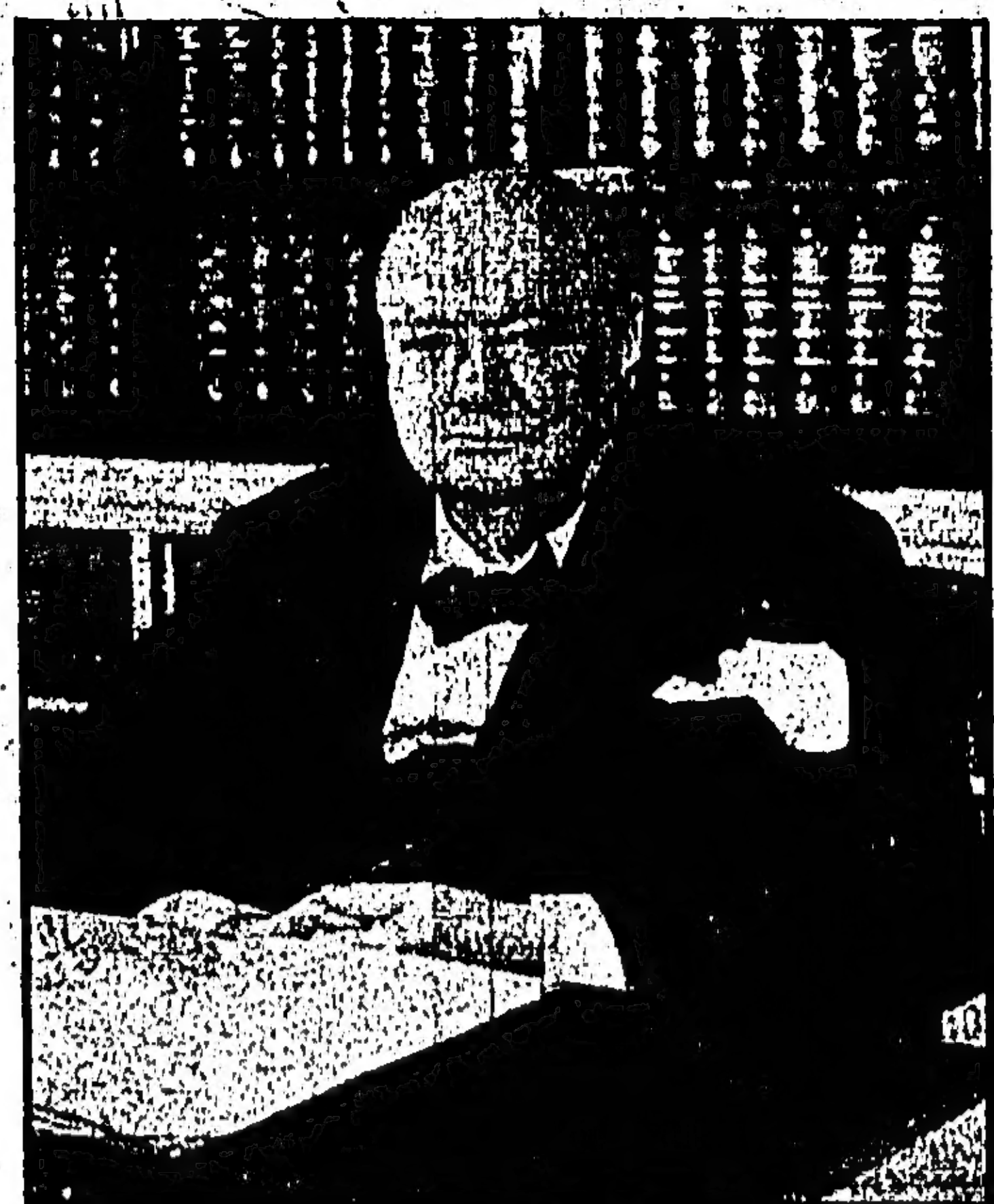
Wruck, a former S.S. man, said he had been trained in West German espionage centres and provided with false papers, money, false watches, a compass and a pistol.—Reuter.

Loy Henderson

Korachi, Dec. 7. The United States Ambassador in Tehran, Mr. Loy Henderson, arrived here tonight to meet visiting United States Vice-President Richard Nixon.

American sources said here. They added that Mr. Henderson would accompany Vice-President Nixon when the latter leaves for Tehran next Wednesday.—France-Press.

Birthday Picture



The latest picture of British Premier Sir Winston Churchill, made for his 79th birthday, which he celebrated on Monday, November 30. The picture was taken in the Cabinet Room at 10, Downing Street, official London residence of British Prime Ministers.

BRITISH LABOUR PARTY ATTACKS COLONIAL POLICY

London, Dec. 7.

The Labour Party demanded today in another strong attack on Britain's Conservative colonial policy that the constitution of the "Red colony" of British Guiana be restored.

For the second straight week, the Conservative Colonial Secretary, Mr. Oliver Lyttelton, was beating off attacks on his policy as the Socialists introduced a motion in the House of Commons seeking to annul the order which suspended the constitution.

Britain suspended the Guiana constitution last October and charged that Premier Dr. Cheddi Jagan and his red-haired Chicago-born wife, Janet, were trying to set up a Red "People's Democracy" on the northeast rim of South America.

The Labour "prayer" for the annulment of the order was expected to come to a vote later tonight, although Mr. Lyttelton appealed to them not to press the issue that far because "it might create a false impression abroad where the intricacies of British procedure were not understood."

The former Labour Home Secretary, Mr. James Chuter Ede, led the Labour attack on Mr. Lyttelton's action with the argument that the situation could have been handled in some other way than by suspending the new constitution of the colony.

He questioned some of the evidence put forward in the Government White Paper justifying the action.

"We do not feel that the course that was followed was that which was best in the permanent interests, not merely of this colony, but of the gradually developing series of responsible experiments that are being tried in all parts of the British Empire," he said.

He said he hoped that a democratic constitution could be restored soon and said he still thought that Mr. Lyttelton should have called the Guianese leaders into discussion of the situation before suspending the constitution.

Mr. Lyttelton replied that the security of the Colony had been in mortal danger when he acted.

"I received personal telegrams from the Governor underlining the danger of the outbreak of widespread violence and disturbances," he said.

"I am suggesting that no responsible Minister and no responsible Government could have remained inactive in the face of the reports I was receiving."

"I stand firm upon that," Mr. Lyttelton declared.

He then said that none of the alternatives proposed since by the Labourites would have worked in the situation.—United Press.

Corunna, Spain, Dec. 7. The Corunna Port Committee decided to spend 305 million pesetas (£10 million) on widening and deepening the harbour one of the most strategically and commercially important in Spain.

A new breakwater, begun some years ago is to be completed to make the port safe for ships in all weathers and the harbour is to be dredged.—China Mail Special.

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Colonel UP and Mr. DOWN... by Walter

BY THE WAY
by Beachcomber

I GATHER from a correspondence column that where diplomacy has failed, football is pretty certain to succeed.

If the visit to Russia of an English club leads the people to rise against Marxism, it will be time to cram the Foreign Office with professional footballers, and to choose our ambassadors from the First League club.

This is a very excellent idea, but dear Sir, surely world peace is more important than the appeasement of the M.C.C.

Public school man, 35, requires capital to develop new method of looking at fish round corners without overbalancing.

Experienced, 19 in family, would exchange set of used tin openers for ten days by the sea with her cat.

Lions' whiskers made into wig by a safe process.

Carlisle wanted for balancing on chest of strong man, humane treatment guaranteed. Must be quiet and docile.

Suet explains

Dear Miss Slopecorner,

In suggesting that you should be our Smug Queen I am aware that I had no thought of anything "Oriental" to use your word. I admit that the mask is something of a yachmak, but that surely does not mean that secret trousers must be worn with it. The British public



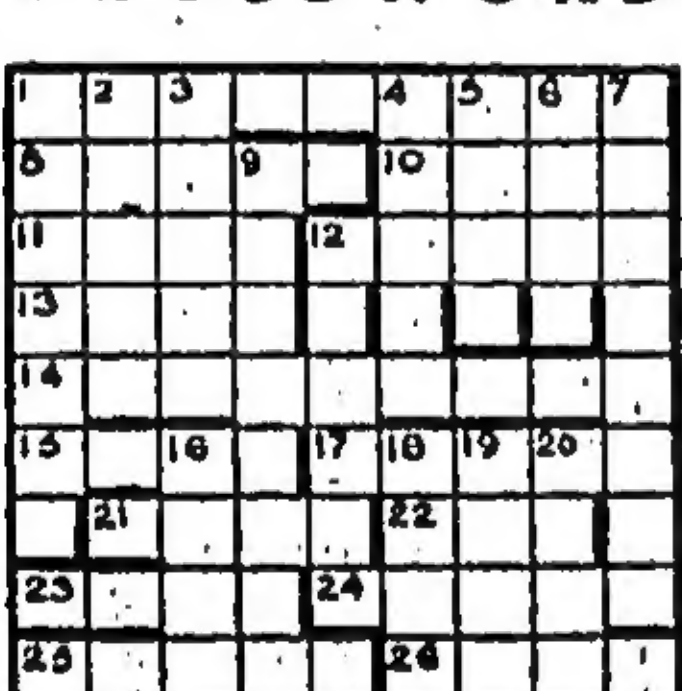
"My George is getting so handy around the house. Only today he got the refrigerator, washing machine, radio and television set in working order again by replacing one fuse in the basement."

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8

BORN today, the instinct to benefit those less fortunate than yourself is especially marked, and you cannot be entirely happy unless you are embarked upon some plan for social welfare. You are a good executive and know how to manage many different types of people. You have learned the lesson of co-operation and although your greatest value to the world lies in leadership, you are also an able and willing follower to follow directions as needed.

CROSSWORD



- Across
1. Tune to R.A.P. for luck. (9)
 2. And to said it in a whisper too. (6)
 3. Could never be called odd. (4)
 4. Merely, merrily shall I now be "Crispened". (6)
 5. A green French way to ward off. (5)
 6. Backward dance—look. (4)
 7. On this weapon grow? It's better eaten. (9)
 8. A rugged rock... or man? (4)
 9. Bachelor. (6)
 10. Marriage at this time was once legal. (5)
 11. This village couldn't do it though, one hopes. (4)
 12. Crab catcher? (6)
 13. A bit to make you rise. (4)
 14. On that this too, too, too, mean would melt. (Hammie). (15)
 15. Can be added or omitted. (4)
 16. Perfect concord must be here proverbially or else there are fatal results. (4)
 17. Down
 18. Usually a popular delusion. (7)
 19. Can Kools do better work? (5)
 20. And where her weeping relations are usually found. (1)
 21. This, this, this was Peter's fancy. (5)
 22. Across curtailed. (4)
 23. Does this bird pay rent? (4)
 24. Find the heading in the end, as was its right. (4)
 25. A broken old coin in a Scottish river can be detected. (4)
 26. Means the opposite of 6 Down. (4)
 27. State that chess deers and what deers are. (4)
 28. This note is the same from both ends. (4)
 29. Can you find-veal here? (4)
 30. Sir I can see you know her. (4)

SOLUTION
TO CHECK
YESTERDAY'S
PUZZLE

WHAT'S HIS LINE?
PHIL G. K. CRISPEN
Re-arrange the letters to spell his occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

ON BRIDGE
JACOB

Even Expert Can
Make Some Errors

By OSWALD JACOBY

If I hadn't seen it done I probably wouldn't believe it. South was a very experienced player and he had all of his wits about him, but he still found a way to go down in the ice-cold contract of four hearts. If this can happen to a good player, maybe there's a lesson in it.

The bidding was aggressive enough to suit anybody's taste. East had practically no high cards, but he hated to keep completely silent about his rather good spade suit. West, no mind reader, assumed his partner had a trick or two and therefore doubted the final contract of four hearts.

South won the opening diamond lead with the ace, cashed the ace of spades, and ruffed a low spade in dummy. He should have tried to cash the king of spades also before beginning to ruff any spades, but there was nothing fatally wrong with his play up to this moment.

Declarer returned to his hand by ruffing a diamond and next ruffed his second low spade with dummy's eight of hearts. The

NORTH		10
♠ 6		
♥ 885		
♦ 10984		
♣ Q9653		
WEST		
♠ 83		
♥ K43		
♦ KQJ703		
♣ A4		
EAST		
♠ QJ10952		
♥ 6		
♦ 52		
♣ K1072		
SOUTH (D)		
♠ AK74		
♥ AQJ1072		
♦ 3		
♣ J8		
Both sides vul.		
South	West	North
1	2	East
Double	Pass	3
4	Double	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass
Opening lead—♦ K		

continuation should have been child's play. South should have ruffed another diamond and ruffed out his king of spades with dummy's last trump. There would then be no way to lose more than one trump trick and the two low clubs.

Instead, reluctant to ruff his good king of spades, South decided to draw trumps. He led the nine of hearts from dummy, took the ace of hearts and returned the queen of hearts. West promptly went up with the king of hearts, cashed the ace of clubs, and led a low club to his partner's king. It was now easy for East to lead a spade, and West was able to ruff declarer's king of spades with the lowly four of hearts.

CARD SENSE

Q—With both sides vulnerable, the bidding has been: North 2 East South West 1 Diamond Double 2 You, South hold: Spades 5-3, Hearts K-Q-J-9-5, Diamonds 7-4, Clubs 9-8-3. What do you do?

A—Bid one heart. If you fail to show your suit at this moment you may never get a chance to do so.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, hold: Spades 5-3, Hearts Q-J-9-8-7-3, Diamond 4, Clubs 9-8-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

DUMB-BELLS



WOMANSENSE



Princess Margaret, in a deep burgundy velvet coat and small white hat, stops to look at hats of bygone years at The Platt Hall where she inspected the gallery of English Costumes on her recent visit to Manchester.

IF YOU HAVEN'T GOT
WHAT IT TAKES...

WE make a mistake when we assume that every woman is potentially a good private secretary. Lots of girls simply lack the clerical ability. It isn't that they don't try, but they just simply have not got what it takes.

Shortland is sheer torture to some girls, and to force them to learn it is a mistake. It is just like assuming that every man is a born engineer, or a born mechanic. Many are, but many are not. However, most people, women included, take it for granted that any girl who sets her mind to it can learn shorthand and typing, filing and business arithmetic and accounting.

That was Carlotta's mistake. "I intend to learn it," she announced firmly. "Anybody can!"

Carlotta was a very outgoing person, imaginative, creative, and with no head for details at all. She wrote

ably and frazzling her nerves and her temper. She gave up her wonderful copy job, and went to work for her beau. She couldn't read a blueprint for love or money. She made a mess of the files. Her letters were sloppy and inaccurate. She was tense and irritable. The hardest she tried for perfection, the less she achieved it.

Finally her beau couldn't stand it. They had a huge fight, after which she left, in tears, the engagement off forever.

Carlotta is back at her copy job, serious and charming again, and happily married to a lawyer.

"We're going to keep it that way, too," Carlotta told him. "I wouldn't try to help him with his files if my life depended on it!"

Moral: Don't try to learn a skill that is alien—not for love, not for money. If you try, you'll lose the love—and you won't make any money.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

No More Newspaper for Willy

—He's Mad Because He Couldn't Get a Story—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF and Hanid, the shadow-children who turned about under the turned-out Willy Toad half-doing on his toudstool in the middle of the Pine Tree Grove. Not far from where Willy was lying was the little cave formed by fallen logs with the sign above the opening reading:

Willy's Weekly Newspaper
Willy Toad Editor

Knarf and Hanid noticed that the entrance to the cave, which Willy used as his office, had a big cubby in front of it. It was plain that Willy had not entered his office for at least a day and probably for longer than that.

"Hello!" greeted Willy sleepily, when he opened his eyes wide enough to see his two friends standing before him.

"Why, what's happened to your newspaper?"

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BRIDE'S LOW-COST
DECORATING

By Ida Bailey Allen

"THIS room is charming, so warm and inviting."

My young hostess beamed. "Jim and I didn't have much cash to start house-keeping," she said. "But we determined to make do with what we had and not go into debt."

"It was fun working out the furnishings and decor for this living-dining room. Those red-wood bookshelves with the wrought iron brackets gave us the motif. They were colourful, charming, and homey. So we used them for bookshelves, cabinet, and for a set of serving shelves in the dining end. This long red-wood table with the benches used as both a living and dining room table."

Soft Colouring

"Those woven grass mats look lovely on it, with pottery dishes in soft grey and maize colourings," I said, "and I like the soft green you used for the walls."

"This woven fibre rug in beige and brown is both reversible and washable," the young wife went on. "Our two big chairs and the divan we bought at an auction, made the printed chairs covers for them. And I also made the drapes to match."

"All we had to add was a small occasional table and these wrought-iron lamps, with parchment type shades. As less than the cost of one really good parlour 'suite' we furnished this entire living-dining room."

Dinner

Bean Soup Crisp Celery
Browned Ham and Scallops
Quarried Carrots
Spinach Parmigiano
Open-Faced Apple Pie
Coffee Tea Milk
All Measurements Are Level
Serves Four to Six

Homemade Scapple

Measure 5c. boiling water into a 2-qt. saucepan. Add 2 lbs. fresh or leftover cooked pork bones, simmer 1 hr. after strain. Bring to a boil again; add 2 tsp. salt, 1 tsp. sage and 2 tsp. grated onion (optional). Next, mix 1 c. enriched cornmeal with 1 c. enriched flour, and 1 c. cold water. Stir slowly into the boil-

Trick of the Chef

Brown cooked quartered carrots in butter or margarine with a little onion.

Top to Toe

By GRACE THORNCIFFE

A NICE compromise between turban and beret is worked out by this dashing bit of headgear done in turquoise satin with brown velvet trim. There is news in gloves, with much use of cotton of the double-weave variety with a Geeskin finish. This luxury cotton is used for an asymmetrically seemed glove with three hand-embroidered buttonholes, two for fancy stuff, one for actual use. Then at the bottom there is a pretty black suede sandal the draped vamp of which is pulled into an instep knot.

"And," continued Willy, still speaking in his sad voice, "the cat and the dog suddenly began fighting each other. They knocked over the boards and the rafters. The bowl of honey spilled over on the cat. The cheese fell on the dog and they both rolled down the hill. And then the whole barn collapsed. So I went home in disappointment. The whole story was spoiled!"

"But Willy," cried Knarf, "the story of the wedding was spoiled but there was an even better story in all those things that happened to spoil it!"

Willy just shook his head. "The wedding never took place," he repeated. "Nobody cares about the cat and the dog and the honey and the cheese and the barn falling down. Those things have nothing to do with the wedding at all!"

Delicately satin pumps are dyed to match your short evening dress. Keep to dark colours if your feet are over an English 6½.

Brocade shoes are new, and shoes in every sort of fabric, both sandals and pumps... toes are pointed, but not in the elongated way that looks so "country"; the vamp comes to a quick point.

Seamless stockings, once bottom fashion, are top fashion this season. Coloured evening stockings are so fine you see only the faintest tinge of colour on the leg.

Those horrible stockings with pictorial clocks and fancy heels are out.

—Anne Scott-James

It's a year for legs

London.

As skirts go up, eyes go down to your legs and ankles, and there's a rush of news in stockings and shoes.

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FEAST OF THRILLS AS SAILORS EDGE OUT AIRMEN BY 13-11 SCORE

By OUR BOXING CORRESPONDENT

The thrill of flying gloves, the thud of leather on flesh and the tumultuous applause united to provide another memorable evening when the Royal Navy boxers tackled the Royal Air Force at the Mission to Seamen last night.

There were so many big moments during the evening that it is difficult to decide just where the main honours lay, but if I award the place of merit to local boy Henry Wong I am sure the spectators who saw the show, and there was a very large crowd, will give me their backing.

Wong participated in one of the special contests on a well-balanced programme and he went into the ring against LAC Johnson who defeated him in the last promotion at the Southern Playground.

Last night we saw a new Wong. The "fancy-pants" showman had disappeared and in his place we saw a non-stop fighter who threw blows from every angle and at every opportunity. The crowd was on its feet, roaring approval from first point to last, and the referee, who had to be careful to keep the boys at the end of a magnificent scrap, showed that everyone had enjoyed it.

And on this occasion Henry Wong, the new Henry Wong, was a worthy and popular winner, but once again Johnson, who had been in the ring for a long time, was a tough fight.

THE SENSATION
Local fight fans will want to see S/M Geraghty of the Royal Navy again. This tall, flame-headed lightweight sensation of the evening, and his fire and power in the ring, of LAC Wright was one of the best things we have seen in the Colony in a long time.

Geraghty is a Welsh internationalist and no one who had the pleasure of seeing him in action last night can doubt that the Welsh boxing authorities will be glad to see him back in the United Kingdom again.

He has a ram-rod left hand and a right that was like the kick of the proverbial mule. Wright, "tiger" boxer that he is, simply never had a chance and the referee did the right thing in stopping the fight in the second round.

There were the usual fireworks when AB Kirby stepped into the ring, but this time his furious flying fists failed to dispose of his opponent, SAC Smyth, inside the distance, but they did enough to bring him a comfortable victory on points, although Smyth gave him plenty of trouble on the way.

Sig. Boulter, RN, is getting himself a reputation as the thrill-provider-in-chief and last night was no exception. His scrap with Cpl. Ross, RAF, was a typical heavyweight contest with lots of hard hitting and thrills galore.



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SPOTLIGHTING THE THREE-YEAR-OLDS OF 1954

Royal Challenger Has Stamina In Pedigree

Says JAMES PARK

There is bound to be a diversity of opinion on the stamina potential of Royal Challenger. Connections may also have some doubt, as the colt was entered for the 2,000 Guineas and Derby but not for the St Leger. Perhaps he was put in the Derby—just in case.

So before examining his credentials as revealed by two-year-old running, it may be as well to take a look at his breeding.

Royal Challenger is by Royal Charger out of Skerweather by Singapore out of Nash Light by Gallipoli Light out of Polite by Pommern. There is a wealth of staying blood in the lower half of the pedigree.

OF TWO TYPES

Royal Charger did not stay more than a mile, but it goes to his credit that he has already sired an Irish St Leger winner in Sea Charger. I should say the dam of Royal Challenger is at least as stoutly bred as the dam of Sea Charger.

Throughout the season I studied the Royal Charger two-year-olds and found them of two types. Some appeared to

CHINA BEATS PHILIPPINES AT BASKETBALL

Bangkok, Dec. 8.—The Hongkong women's team defeated Malaya 26-25 in the charity basketball tournament here today.

In the men's division, the Nationalist China men's team defeated the Philippines 44-34 and South Vietnam defeated Malaya 55-53.

During the game, the key Nationalist China player, Wang Yi-ting, was stabbed twice with needles about an inch long each. He received a wound in the stomach and another in the buttock.

Wang pulled the needles out to show to the referee, but continued to play until one minute before the game's end when a substitute was sent in.—United Press.

KCC CRICKET TEAM FOR SATURDAY

The following will represent KCC in the First Division Cricket League match against HKCC Scorpions at Chater Road on Saturday, commencing at 1.30 p.m.:

P. V. Dodge, B. C. N. Carnell, D. Coffey, H. Chamberlain, R. Jemmer, A. T. Lee, R. E. Lee, S. V. Gillies, P. Hall, P. Wood, A. Zimmern.

Scorer—Mrs H. Chamberlain.

DEFEAT BY ALBANIA THE LAST STRAW

London, Dec. 7.—Poland's Stalingrad Radio today criticised the "pitiful state" of Polish football, accusing some players of drunkenness and "behaving like Hollywood stars."

It said the national team was "a collection of old players about to grow white heads."

The radio called for younger players and more discipline and training.

It said the problem came to a head after the Polish international team was twice defeated by Albania, including a "painful defeat" yesterday on the home ground at Warsaw.—Reuter.

HUNGARY LEADS IN MODERN PENTATHLON

Rocas De Santo Domingo, Chile, Dec. 7.—Hungary advanced to first position in the team standings of the Modern Pentathlon World Championships today after the fencing competition, second event in the tournament.

The present standings follow: 1. Hungary with 83 points (against); 2. Brazil, 55; 3. Sweden, 50; Argentina, 49; Chile, 72; United States, 74; Uruguay, 80.—United Press.

GARDNER STARTS HIS COME-BACK BID TONIGHT

By JACK MARSH

London.

When Jack Gardner, former British and Empire Heavyweight Champion, meets the Italian title-holder, Uber Bacilleri, at Harringay tonight he will find the come back road tough going from the start.

Gardner has been out of boxing ever since he sustained a serious eye injury when he lost on points to Johnny Williams of Rugby in March last year. And 18 months is a long time to be out of the ring.

But he has trained intensively for tonight's bout. Even in retirement on his farm he sparred regularly with his brothers Rodney and Bob.

NO MEAN VICTORY

In October he won no mean victory when he was granted his licence by the watchful and almost over cautious British Boxing Board.

That is enough to prove his fitness and that his eye injury has healed permanently.

Gardner's come-back is prompted by his belief that there is a shortage of good heavyweights this side of the Atlantic. And who would question that? He now sees the chance of re-training his crown quickly.

Yet if he goes into the ring tonight underestimating his opponent he stands to be rudely shocked, and all his hopes scattered to the winds.

For the solid Italian, always superbly fit, is used to facing tough assignments. His continental brawling, crowding and hooking style will surely sand-paper the rust of Gardner's straight left.

Bacilleri is a somewhat slow starter—so for that matter is Gardner—but he took Don Cockell, the present British and Empire Champion, the distance and just lost the verdict.

Cockell previously had clearly outpointed Johnny Williams. And it was Williams who in March, 1952, put Gardner out of boxing for 18 months.

IN FINE SHAPE

Gardner, however, is still young, and physically in fine shape, with little or no real disillusionment in his boxing career. And it is this freshness that may enable him to disprove the old "they never come back" adage.

But if his come-back is to be really successful his supporters will look for evidence not only of his past form, but of increased striking power.

For if Jack has to bludgeon his way to the top through more of those grey points battles

Singapore Sets New Standards For Swimmers

The Singapore Amateur Swimming Association has recommended the setting up of new standards for swimmers who may be selected to represent that Colony in the Asian Games next year.

These recommendations have been forwarded to the Singapore Olympic Sports Council for approval and are as follows:

Men—400 metres free style 3 mins. 45 secs; 100 metres free style 20 mins. 50 secs; 100 metres back stroke 2 mins. 40 secs; 200 metres breast stroke 2 mins. 45 secs; 500 metres free style 10 mins. 30 secs; 4 x 200 metres free style relay average 2 mins. 25 secs.

Women—100 metres free style 1 min. 10 secs; 400 metres free style 5 mins. 30 secs; 100 metres back stroke 3 mins. 20 secs; 100 metres breast stroke 4 mins. 30 secs; 4 x 100 metres free style relay average 1 min. 10 secs.

In the "B" section (13 and over) S. M. Backe had the extraordinarily low score of 40 net, followed closely by R. D. Neale, 42. Other good scores were P. H. Taggart and P. F. MacCabe 51, P. R. E. Arnold 52, M. Y. T. Fleness 54 and M. M. Boycott 55.

This month there will be a Running Medal and a Running Bogey Competition, both of which are open to 5 day Members.

Floodlit Football

Leeds, Dec. 7.—Leeds United, the English Second Division club, beat East Fife, Scottish League Cup holders, by three goals to one in a friendly floodlit football match here tonight.—Reuter.

FANLING GOLF

It was found necessary to postpone the Final for the Royal Hongkong Golf Club Match Play Championship which was scheduled to be played on Sunday; this will be played on a date to be announced later.

R. K. Collings won the December Qualifier for the Captains Cup on the New Course with a score of 79-8=net 71. G. D. W. Stewart being runner-up with 81-9=net 72. The winner of the Old Course was R. Main with nett 80.

L. G. King was the winner in the monthly qualifying round on the Old Course with a return of 83-14=net 69 the runner-up being A. M. Mack who returned 88-18=net 70.

The following players have qualified in this competition during the year and these will be included in the draw for the match-play stages of the Cup—L. L. Anderson, R. J. Barker, R. K. Collings, W. M. Chalmers, W. C. Hung, O. L. Jones, L. G. King, J. R. Leitch, J. Linaker, K. A. Miller, R. G. L. Oliphant, W. H. Paterson, H. G. Smith, L. F. Stokes, D. Shaw, A. V. White.

Annual General Meeting

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club will be held at the Hongkong Club on Friday, December 11, and it is hoped that there will be a good attendance.

SHEK-O TOURNEYS

The Ecclectic Competition played during the month of November proved to be as popular as ever—104 cards having been taken out. There was a tie in the "A" section (12 and under) between E. W. S. McGregor and N. P. Fox with 2 net 51. Other good scores being J. Byington 52 and H. G. Banham 53.

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League Snooker

CPO Mess, Tamar, beat HQLF 6-0 in a Geo Younger Snooker League match last night.

Kowloon Tong beat the Kowloon Cricket Club 4-1.

THE GAMBOLS

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"ANTIOCHUS"	Liverpool	11th Dec.
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"AUTOLYCUS"	Sailed	24th Dec.
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Lady Churchill Leaves For Stockholm

London, Dec. 8.

Lady Churchill leaves today for Stockholm to accept the Nobel Prize for literature on behalf of her husband, and will, moreover, deliver a speech the eloquent Prime Minister personally wrote for the occasion.

Observers believe that the lofty Churchillian prose, which lends itself to dramatic gestures, has been toned down.

Lady Churchill, accompanied by her daughter, Mrs Christopher Soames, will arrive in Stockholm today and will stay at the Royal Castle.

Lady Churchill will attend several official receptions and parties in Stockholm but has made a special request to be left enough time for sight-seeing.

The crowning moment of the six-day trip will come on Thursday when she rises at the Nobel ceremonies to deliver a speech for the man who won the literature prize partly because of his speeches.

It will be the first time that she has represented her husband at such an honoured occasion.—United Press.

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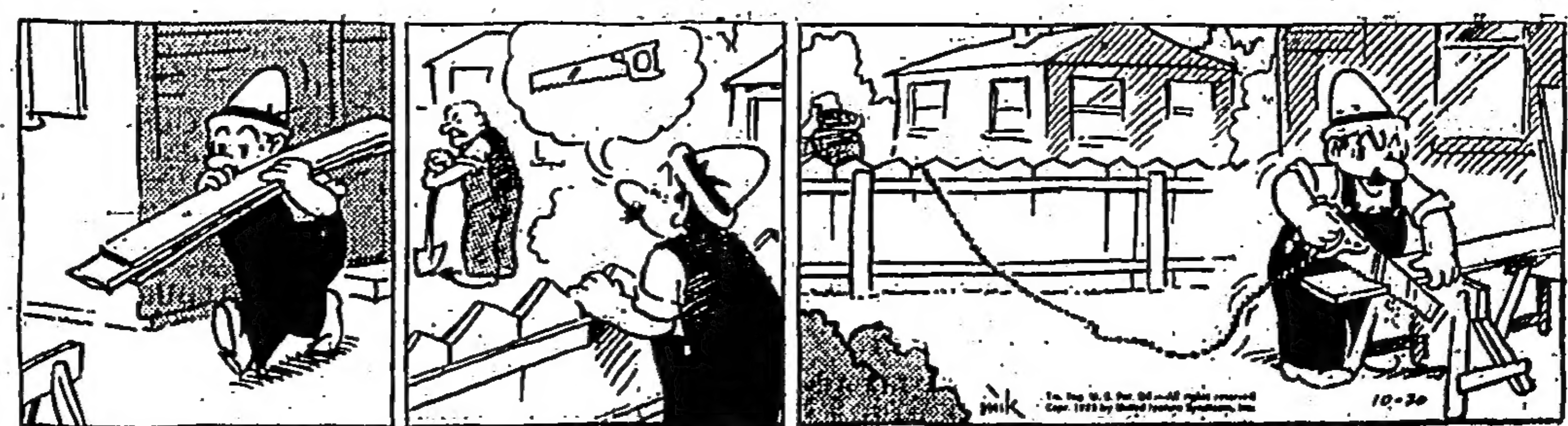
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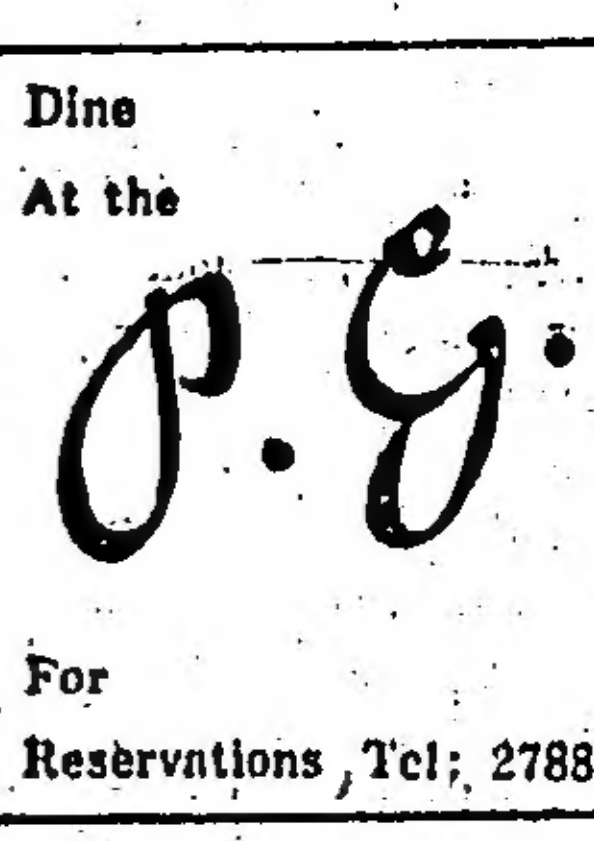
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Edward's Car

IT was a day that would dwell forever in the memories of Edward and his family. The day they bought the car.

Never would Edward, his wife, his schoolgirl daughter or the elder one who went out to work, forget their excitement when for the first time, their car stood outside their own front gate.

The possibilities of car ownership almost overwhelmed them. It brought the reality to their doorstep, in a manner of speaking, and made them free of the kingdom from Land's End to John o' Groat's.

A SYMBOL

In a way, the car was a symbol representing a peak point in Edward's career, showing how far he had come.

He had started his working life quite humbly, as a warehouse lad in a Covent Garden firm.

Now, after 20 years, he was the firm's chief salesman, earning £12 a week and nearly £50 in bonuses each year.

No doubt he could have owned a car before—in the days between the wars when prices were so low. But he believed in living within his means, and he waited until this year.

It was a second-hand car, nothing fancy about it, an ordinary, comfortable, reliable family saloon.

KEEPING UP

RELIABLE? Well, that is what the man from whom Edward bought it said.

But presently, Edward's car, like a spoiled child who discovers a new toy, began to give trouble. Small things went wrong at first, then complications, set in.

The cost of keeping the car on the road began to outpace Edward's income. He began to embezzle money from his employers, to keep up with the car.

SIX DAYS CRIME

IN the six days his criminal career lasted, the six days between the first altered entry in his books and the discovery of his crimes, Edward took just over £3.

The police were called, and the other morning, Edward, from the dock at Bow Street, pleaded guilty to the three charges of embezzlement against him, and asked the Chief Magistrate, Sir Laurence Durne, to take into consideration two others.

A detective-sergeant went into the witness-box and said: "Sir Laurence, this is one of those cases where there seems no real explanation of the stupidity of the prisoner. . . . He told of Edward's impressive working record and his blameless life. He told the history of the car.

JOB GONE

"YOU'RE quite satisfied, are you, that this had not been going on before these six days?" the Chief Magistrate asked the officer.

"Perfectly satisfied," the detective-sergeant answered.

"Has he lost his job?" "Yes, sir."

"What do you want to say?" Sir Laurence asked Edward, a neat man of 44, with brown hair brushed back, and horn-rimmed spectacles.

"Sorry I've been so stupid, caused all this trouble," Edward said.

"Well, usually, when people betray trust placed in them, they go to prison," said the Chief Magistrate. "Your good character stands you in good stead. You've lost that now. On each of these three charges there will be a fine of £5."

Edward asked for and was given time to pay. In the time he was given, he would sell the car, perhaps, to raise the money. The car might have to go. They would always in Edward's family remember the happier day when it had arrived and this day at Bow Street would dwell forever in their memories, too.

"What's His Line?" Solution
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New Honour For Gen. Gruenther



Chinese Catholic Priests Still Working Actively

Dublin, Dec. 7.

More than 100 young Roman Catholic priests are working in Communist China today after slipping across the "bamboo curtain" disguised as carpenters and mechanics to foil Communist decrees of death and torture, a Jesuit Mission official announced.

Father T. Martin, Secretary of the Irish Jesuit Missions, said more than 120 priests disguised as artisans have pierced Red China's frontiers and that more than 100 of the missionaries have avoided capture "and are working with mighty enthusiasm."

Assembly Expected To Recess

United Nations, Dec. 7.

The United Nations Political Committee voted tonight to recess the General Assembly tomorrow without a full Korean debate and meet early next year if a majority favours it.

The vote was 55-0 with the five-nation Soviet bloc abstaining.

The Russians and their allies sought in vain to leave it solely to the Assembly President, Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit of India, to reconvene the 60-nation world Parliament if the situation in Korea requires. But a Polish amendment to this effect was overwhelmed by a 50-5 margin with five abstentions.

The decision marked a notable victory for the United States, which originally put forward the idea that the Assembly wind up its work without opening a Korean debate that might jeopardize the Panmunjom negotiations on arrangements for a Korean peace parity.

The Russians had been expected to insist on an all-out Korean debate at the current session, slated to wind up tomorrow. But the Soviet delegation, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, and his satellite friends agreed to forgo a debate now.

It was not clear whether they took this stand merely because they saw defeat inevitable or because they wanted to see how events would unfold not only in Korea but at the projected Big Four Foreign Ministers' meeting in Berlin.

Today's decision was taken on a resolution sponsored jointly by Brazil and India. It was billed as a compromise between the two original resolutions they had put forward separately. —United Press.

Bull Electrocuted

Reedsburg, Wisconsin, Dec. 7. Farmer Wilbert Harms' bull was electrocuted when it wallowed an electric light bulb hanging from a cord over its stall. —United Press.

Govt Wins Vote

London, Dec. 7.

The House of Commons tonight rejected the Labour Opposition "prayer" that the government should cancel its Order in Council suspending the constitution of British Guiana, which deposed the local government there.

The rejection of the "prayer" was carried by 304 votes to 271—a government majority of 333 votes. —France-Press.

General Alfred Gruenther, supreme Commander of the Allied Forces in Europe, in a happy mood as he beats time to Burgundian songs. The picture was taken at the ceremony in the famous Burgundian cellar of Clos de Vougeot when he was made an Officer of the Brotherhood of Knights of Tastevin. He is wearing the traditional small silver cup of the order. —London Express.

Drama In Shack

Stanley, N. Carolina, Dec. 7.

An aged widow, bound by a 30-year-old promise to care for a retarded boy, barricaded herself today in a cabin where she keeps the now-grown invalid on a tether, and police feared both may be starving.

Neighbours and the authorities were perplexed over what to do about Mrs. Mary Mines, 75, and her helpless nephew, George Fox, 36.

Mrs. Mines had threatened to shoot anyone who tried to break into her shack.

Mrs. Mines made a deathbed promise to Fox's parents more than 30 years ago that she would care for their son and protect him as long as she lived.

The County Welfare Superintendent, Mr. James Burgess, Police Chief, W. L. Lednum, and a County nurse went to the shack after reports from neighbours that Mrs. Mines was critically ill.

"We couldn't see her through the window," said Mr. Lednum, "but we talked to her and she said we should go away."

He said Mrs. Mines kept Fox tied with a rope. He said he saw Fox lying on the floor, "just skin and bones and white as a sheet."

"Nobody has been in that shack as long as anyone can remember," said Lednum. —United Press.

Radio Hongkong

H.K. Time Signal and Programme Summary 9.30. News with the Stars—Music of Sigmund Romberg sung by Genevieve Rowe (Sop.), Lilian Cornell (Mezzo-sop.), Eric Mattson (Tenor), Lawrence Brooks (Bar.), 6.30. BBC Bandstand, Brigadier and Harriette Band, Manchester C.W.S. Band conducted by Denis Wright (BBCRS), 6.50. Weather Report, 7. Time Signal, World News and United Nations Report (Radio), 7.15. Interlude for Rhythm—The Malayan Lockyer Quartet (BBCRS), 7.30. Forces Favourites (London Relay), 8. La Demie-Heure Francaise (Studio), 8.30. First Hearing presented by Bernard Hicks (Studio), 9. Time Signal, Musical Solo presented by the Rev. Father T. F. Ryan, S.J. (Studio), 9.30. Radio serves a Community—A Feature Programme, written and produced by Desmond Hawkins (BBCRS), 10. Popular Parade, 10.30. The Ballet "Prince Igor"—Polovtsian Dances (Radio), 11.30. Van Belinum conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the London Philharmonic Choir (Chorus Master, Frederic Jackson), "Love, the Magician" (Radio), 11.45. Goodnight Music—God Save the Queen, 12.30. Close Down.

Alleged Conspiracy & Corruption

DRIVING SCHOOL PUPILS GIVE EVIDENCE

Three pupils of the Chung Wah Driving School testified before Judge J. Reynolds at the Victoria District Court of how they received tuition and later passed driving tests when the case against seven men on charges of conspiracy and corruption continued this morning.

The accused were Chu Kwanyee, 38, Police interpreter attached to Kowloon City Police Station; Wong Kwong-cho, alias Wong Joe, 43, proprietor of the Kwong Wah Driving School; Yeung Kwok-hon, 32, proprietor of the Chung Wah Driving School; Mak Po-hon, 34, proprietor of the Po Kwong Driving School; Kwok Kim, alias Kwok Chi-kuen, 31, proprietor of the Nam Fong Driving School; Lee Lin-siu, 29, waiter, and Chung Ling, 23, driving instructor.

The first and fifth accused were represented by Mr. D. A. L. W. J. H. instructed by Hastings, etc., Company, Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida, and the second and sixth accused, Mr. R. W. S. Winter, instructed by Mr. Alfred Hon, represented the third and fourth accused, while Mr. Francis H.B. Wong appeared for the seventh. The prosecution was conducted by Mr. D. F. O'Reilly Mayne, Crown Prosecutor.

The accused were charged with conspiring with others not in custody between June 21 and August 17 this year to give money to Sub-Inspector R. G. Ibbotson, formerly of the Kowloon Traffic Office, as a reward for preferential treatment to certain members of the public in passing them in their driving tests.

FAILED TEST

Lau Kuk-ming, a student, testified that he obtained a learner driving licence in April and took lessons at the Chung Wah Driving School at \$3 per hour tuition.

The third accused, proprietor of the school, he said, had mentioned to him that if some money was paid, it would be easier for him to pass the test. Witness replied that he had to consult his father.

On June 5, witness took a driving test at the Traffic Office but failed. He then took another few hours' lesson and on June 13, he passed the test.

On the same afternoon, the third accused visited his house and had a discussion with witness's father.

Cross-examined, witness said following failure of the first test an inclusive fee of \$500 was arranged for the tuition lessons until the second test.

Lau Wah-chiu, witness's father, gave corroborative evidence.

Yuen Wing-kee, a timber broker, said that he obtained a learner driving licence in February and took a total of 70 hours driving lessons at the Chung Wah Driving School, the instructor being one Lee Kan-cheung.

PAID \$500

On July 14, he met the third accused at the Kowloon Traffic Office as he went there for his driving test and third accused had told him something in relation to the test. He took the test and passed it.

After passing the test, he said he went to a tea-house with the third accused and paid third accused \$500.

Cross-examined, witness said the \$500 was paid to the third accused if third accused could facilitate him in passing the test. Tang Hin-fai, a 19-year-old student, said he obtained a learner driving licence in March and took lessons from a relative. He failed twice in driving tests on March 7 and June 24.

A few days prior to his third test on August 1, he went to the Chung Wah Driving School where he was told by the third accused that it was difficult to pass the test but that the school could help him (witness). Third accused also allegedly said that some money would have to be paid if witness wished to pass the test. The amount of money was later fixed at \$450, which witness said, was considered to be "a lot of money". Witness said he took altogether two hours of lessons from the third accused at \$7 per hour.

PASSED TEST

On the morning of August 1, he went to the third accused's house and paid \$450 in addition to \$14 tuition. He then went to the Kowloon Traffic Office and later passed the test.

Cross-examined, witness denied that he had told the Police he had paid \$400 to second accused. He denied that he had started taking lessons from the third accused since May. He agreed that he was desperately anxious to pass the

test, after failing twice previously. He added that he was aware that it was necessary to pay money to pass the test, and that the testing instructor had to be bribed for passing the test. He denied that the \$450 he paid the third accused was tuition fee.

Hearing is continuing.

FILM GALA PREMIERE

H.E. Sir Alexander Grantham and Lady Grantham were present last night at a Gala Premiere of the film "Never Take No For An Answer" which was held with great success, in aid of the Hongkong Council of Social Service.

The Empire Theatre was made available for the occasion and Mr. Harry Odell of International Films Ltd. provided the film, which is an adaptation of the Paul Gallico story "The Little Miracle." It is the simple tale of the faith and determination of a small boy who is convinced that his sick donkey will be cured if he is allowed to take it in to the Crypt of St. Francis of Assisi. He is finally successful, but not before the audience is moved to laughter and tears.

The Chairman of the Committee responsible for the excellent organisation of last night's performance was Mrs. R. R. Todd. She was ably assisted by Mrs. M. W. Turner, Mrs. V. Chan, Mrs. Lee Hah-long and Mrs. J. L. Marden. —MARGARET BRUCE.

In Hands Of Special Branch

The Special Branch is handling the case of the seizure of a quantity of arms by the Marine Police on-board a junk-off Shaikwan last night, when several persons were detained. A Special Branch official said this morning that he was not prepared to give details at the moment.

Granted Asylum

Washington, Dec. 7. The Attorney General, Mr. Herbert Brownell, Jr., today granted asylum in the United States to five Czechoslovakians who fled to West Germany last March by seizing a Czech airliner in flight.

Mr. Brownell issued special temporary entry permits to the five. —United Press.

4 Driving Offences By Young Man

Sebastian Adrian Schiers, a 24-year-old Swiss, of 2 May Road, was fined a total of \$1,000 when he pleaded guilty to five charges of driving a car while under the influence of drink, resisting arrest, driving without a valid licence and failing to have third party insurance policy.

Mr. M. T. Holmes, representing the accused while Sub-Insp. W. Boxall was for the Prosecution.

Outlining the facts of the case for the Court, Insp. W. Boxall said that at 12.25 this morning the defendant was seen driving a private car from east to west along Queen's Road Central near Garden Road.

Police Sgt. 2822, on a motorcycle, saw that the car did not have any lights on, and called out to the defendant to stop. The defendant, however, did not stop at that stage and carried on for some distance further. The Sergeant followed on the motorcycle, and finally managed to stop the car.

The accused got out of the car and acted in such a manner so as to give the Sergeant the impression that he was under the influence of drink. He leaned against the car for support, his speech was indistinct and he was unable to answer any questions.

TAKEN TO STATION
At that moment European Police Sub-Inspector came along and took the accused to Central Police station. On the way to the station the defendant twice attempted to resist arrest, said Insp. Boxall.

At Central, the defendant agreed to be medically examined, but when he was taken to Queen Mary Hospital he refused. Taken back to the Charge Room at Central, the accused was asked for his driving licence, but replied that he did not have one. Insp. Boxall added that the accused did, in fact, have an expired International Driving Licence.

Mr. Holmes, addressing the Court in mitigation, said that the defendant was Swiss and comparatively young. He was not entirely familiar with the regulations here.

Mr. Holmes said that the accused should never have been driving the car, and would not have been doing so had it not been for the fact that his chauffeur had disappeared, and he had to drive himself home. In conclusion, Counsel said that the defendant was in an extremely penitent frame of mind.

OBSTRUCTIVE MOTOR BOAT

For obstructing the free access of other vessels to the gangway of the American warship Toledo, Kong Chung, 42, coxswain of motor boat Kong Fai, was fined \$100 by Mr. A. G. Parker at the Marine Court this morning.

The Prosecution said that defendant laid his vessel alongside the gangway of the warship which was anchored at the Naval anchorage yesterday morning. Defendant's vessel was in such a position that it prevented other vessels from approaching the gangway.

From the Files 100 Years Ago

To the Editor of the China Mail.

Sir—I have cut out the following two paragraphs, the one from the Friend of China, the other from the Hongkong Register, for the purpose of correcting the mis-statements made by them of an occurrence happening within two or three miles of Hongkong, and of which correct particulars might so easily have been obtained.

"There was a mutiny of the Kowloon garrison (500 men) on the 10th instant. Their rations were 3 years in arrears, and they rose and declared they would put down the Commandant's Yamen and kill him, but they were diverted from executing their dire intention by the entreaties of the Major on his knees, and a donation of 2,000 dollars."—Friend of China, Nov. 16.

"We learn there has been a mutiny among the Chinese troops at Kowloon. The unfortunate wretches, not having received any of the money part of their pay for three years, thought it about time that they should be settled, and for that purpose they proceeded to the headquarters of their commander, and having laid the matter before him, gave the alternative of paying or being hung. On this he raised 2,000 taels, which satisfied the mutineers for the moment. The Hongkong Register, November 22.

THE FACTS

Now the simple facts are, that the pay of the garrison at Kowloon is sent from Canton, while their rations of rice are drawn from the district of Kwey-sin; the former has been remitted and paid regularly, but in consequence of disturbances in Kwey-sin district, some three years ago, the latter has not been remitted. It is therefore found it impossible to collect the tribute, and the soldiers have gone without their rations ever since. This they have done patiently—at least without any outward appearance of discontent—until about three weeks ago, when they remonstrated with their Commander, and wanted him to write to Canton, and get the Governor of the Province to compel the Kwey-sin mandarins to do their duty; and as he hesitated to do so, they at last, on the 4th of this month, went in a body to his house, and insisted upon his complying instantly with their demands by despatching a messenger to Canton. For some reason he declined doing so, but said he would himself bear the expense up to that date—amounting to about 4,000 taels, and would see that the rations from Kwey-sin were forthwith sent. The money was paid on the 6th. This is the sum total of the affair.

Perhaps you do not know, that a more strict watch is now kept at Kowloon fort and on board the warships there, than has been done for many years. I am Sir, Your obedient servant, ANGLO-CHINESE.

SHANGHAI SITUATION
By the Nymph we have letters from Shanghai to the 19th, but our direct news from the city is the 12th. Others may have been more fortunate, and we may be enabled to see past the news of the 12th. The issue of our next Overland, which will contain a journal of occurrences from the 12th to the 19th, gives us a more reliable record than is to be found in the daily papers. Another correspondent tells us it is at present no more to be trusted, in what professes to be editorial, than the furnished translations or paraphrases of Chinese intelligence, whether gathered from public documents or from people who have been talked to.

The native city is still in the hands of the insurgents, but they have already lost the foreign ships they recently purchased to contend against the imperialists, who on the other hand have been reinforced by the arrival of a fleet of West-coast craft. But beyond the capture of the Ship and Glenlyon, no material advance seems to have been as yet obtained; the position assumed by foreigners towards the two parties being very little in accordance with the professed neutrality, and calculated greatly to impede the operations of the imperialists, and retard the capture of the city. One instance of interference on their way to the Tangs, in carrying off certain guns which the imperialists had seized on their way to the Tangs, seems to be of an especially grave nature, throwing for a time into the shade the doctrine proclaimed by the Consuls of England and of France, in a further correspondence, and the obligation of merchants to pay, and the right of the Chinese Government to collect, a tax on the arrival of the French Minister, whose arrival on the 19th is expected, will adopt the views of Mr. Kiang, and the reference made to Sir George Bonham may not result as such an unusual approval as Mr. Aloock seems to anticipate.

It is doubtful if the leading insurgents who had penetrated into the province of Chih-li, has been routed. It is said.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"Most of them sit at a desk all day, and now they make the poor worn-out shoppers stand up!"

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